Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, The citizens of South Dakota are fortunate to have a special class of individuals devoted to making our state number one in the transportation field; and,

Whereas, Bill Morris has given 21 years of dedicated service to the South Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) and will retire on April 8, 2009; and,

Whereas, Bill began his career in June 1972 as a maintenance worker in Bison. He took several leaves of absence, but returned to the DOT and was promoted to Lead Maintenance Worker in September 2007, a position he held until his retirement; and,

Whereas, Bill volunteers his time as Adjutant for the American Legion in Bison, as well as Sergeant of Arms for the Color Guard; and,

Whereas, Bill's dedication to his family and faith has been exemplary, and he is trusted and respected by all who know him; and,

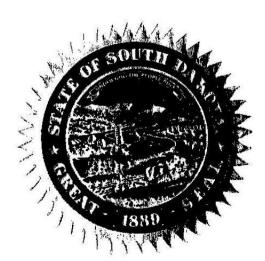
Whereas, Bill has served the people of this great state well, setting high standards for all employees of the DOT with his professionalism, and he will be missed by his friends and co-workers; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to recognize Bill's contributions to the state of South Dakota during his many years of employment with state government:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 8, 2009, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his colleagues, family, and friends in the Department of Transportation in wishing him a fulfilling, healthy, and happy retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State